ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC HOLDER HONORS FLORIDA DOCTOR AND ANNOUNCES \$4.7 MILLION IN RECOVERY ACT FUNDS FOR STATE

WASHINGTON – Attorney General Eric Holder announced today that the Department of Justice is awarding more than \$4.7 million in Recovery Act formula grants for Florida state victim assistance and victim compensation programs. The Attorney General made the announcement in his remarks at the National Crime Victims' Rights Week Awards Ceremony where he recognized Daniel Man, M.D., of Boca Raton, Fla., for his efforts on behalf of crime victims.

Dr. Man received an Allied Professional Award during the annual Crime Victims' Rights Week Awards Ceremony. The ceremony is a prelude to the nation's observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 26-May 2, 2009.

"We all owe a debt to these honorees and to the countless other advocates across the country who tirelessly work to protect victims' rights," Attorney General Eric Holder said. "The Department of Justice is committed to fighting for victims' rights, which is why I'm so pleased we've been able to dedicate such a substantial amount of funds from the Recovery Act to assist such advocates in their invaluable work."

Dr. Daniel Man, a distinguished, world-renowned plastic and reconstructive surgeon, believes that "there is beauty in all things." Since 2001, Dr. Man has been making a difference in the Boca Raton, Florida community. In coordination with Boca Raton Victim Services and Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition, Dr. Man has offered a unique model program to physically injured victims of domestic violence and has helped victims of domestic violence restore their lives by reconstructing battered faces mutilated by acts of violence.

In addition to Dr. Man, the Attorney General recognized nine other individuals and programs for their service to crime victims. More information about the Recovery Act Victim Assistance and Compensation formula grants and National Crime Victims' Rights Week is available at: www.ojp.gov

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